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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1. ACTING ON PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS GENERAL IBANEZ CALLED ON ME TODAY TO REQUEST TREATMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT WALTER REED FOR MRS. VELASCO AND FOR WIFE OF MINFISHERIES TANTALEAN.
2. IBANEZ COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED, SAYING RATHER THAT PROBLEMS ARE SAME AS THOSE FOR WHICH MRS. VELASCO AND MRS TANTALEAN WERE TREATED AT WALTER REED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. HE STATED HE IS SURE WALTER REED HAS COMPLETE MEDICAL RECORDS COVERING THIS PREVIOUS TREATMENT.
3. WHEN ASKED TO ASCERTAIN MORE INFORMATION AS TO THE TWO LADIES' MEDICAL PROBLEMS, IBANEZ CHECKED ONCE AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO WHO SAID WHAT THEY WANT IS A "GENERAL CHECH-UP." IF IBANEZ CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION, THIS WILL BE CABLED TO WASHINGTON.
4. DESPITE SKETCHY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PRESI-

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DENT'S OFFICE, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO ALL FEASIBLE

TO ACCOMMODATE VISIT AND MEDICALCHECK-UP AT WALTER REED FOR MRS. VELASCO AND HER CLOSE FRIEND MRS. TANTALEAN. PARTICULARLY SINCE THE VELASCOS KNOW AND HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN WALTER REED, BELIEVE NO ALTERNATIVE USG MEDICAL FACILITY WOULD SUFFICE TO MEET THIS REQUEST. DEPARTMENT IS OF COURSE AWARE OF CLOSE INVOLVEMENT OF WALTER REED WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO'S ONGOING TREATMENT; I UNDERSTAND WALTER REED TEAM ARRIVING TOMORROW WITH NEW PROSTHETIC DEVICE. AS TO TIMING, IF WALTER REED CAN SCHEDULE THE TWO LADIES ASAP I WILL SO INFORM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. ON FINANCING, GOP WILL ASSUME ALL COSTS OF TREATMENT AND WASHINGTON VISIT; I ASSUME USG WOULD WAIVE CHECK-UP COSTS. BUT WILL UNDERTAKE TO GET GOP COMMITMENT THIS REGARD IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO DO SO.

5. REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE.
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